

Interpretive Guidelines for the **POST** Form

- The **POST** form itself cannot be altered, but the content relative to the specific clinical interventions may be changed as necessary to accommodate the patient's and physician's wishes.
- Health care professionals who can complete the POST form include social workers, nurses, and physicians. Only a physician can sign the POST.
- A written physician order for DNR may be written on an internal form that provides the documentation of accepted medical standards as the facility implements the **POST** form or the **POST** form is not appropriate for needed documentation. If the patient is transferred to another facility, the POST form must accompany the patient.
- Patient/surrogate signature on page 2 of the **POST** form is optional at the discretion of the facility's policies and procedures.
- The health care professional completing or preparing the form is required to sign on the back of the form or the facility staff can print the name of the individual who prepared the form, along with the title and date.